

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-17 and 30 have been withdrawn by restriction. Claims 18 and 22-29 have been amended to delete the term "type" therefrom as suggested by the Office Action. No new matter has been added to the application.

Reexamination of the application and reconsideration of the rejections and objections are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, which follow the order set forth in the Office Action.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 18-29 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for use of the phrase "ylide type" in the claims. The phrase "ylide type" was present in claims 18 and 22-29 in the as-filed claims. Thus, based on the suggestion of the Office Action, Applicants have amended claims 18 and 22-29 to replace the phrase "compound of ylide type" with the phrase "ylide compound". Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 18-29 and 31 are not indefinite. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the instant rejection.

Allowable Claims

The Office Action states that claims 18-29 and 31 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, have been overcome as explained above.

For the foregoing reasons, claims 18-29 and 31 are considered allowable. A Notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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